



## CITY OF KIRKLAND

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Dave Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Youth Services Team

**Date:** May 12, 2009

**Subject:** 2009 Eileen Trentman Memorial Scholarship Recipients

### Recommendation

City Council join staff in recognizing City of Kirkland's outstanding youth volunteers.

### Background

The Youth Services Team, formed in early 2000, is an interdepartmental team of City employees whose mission it is to serve youth within the Kirkland community and the City of Kirkland. In an effort to support elements of this mission, the Team introduced a scholarship program for teens in 2005 who have served the City as volunteers.

Up until this past year, the scholarship had been known as the Teens Honored and Appreciated for Notable Kirkland Service (THANKS). In September, the Youth Services Team decided to rename the scholarship after the City's former Volunteer Coordinator, Eileen Trentman. Eileen played an integral role in not only the creation and implementation of this scholarship program, but as a member of the Youth Services Team as well.

The Youth Services Team has developed the following eligibility guidelines for possible candidates:

- Teens must have served the City in a volunteer capacity. This would include, but is not limited to, Kirkland Youth Council, Boards and Commissions, and Police Explorers.
- Teens must have graduated or be on track to graduate from High School the following June.
- Teens must be attending or have plans to attend college, university, or technical school after graduating from high school.
- Candidates must be high school senior through age 21

Funding for the Scholarship Program was generated through voluntary employee contributions during the 2008 Giving Campaign. The Kirkland Fire Fighters Benevolence Association (KFFBA) was gracious enough to hold the funds through their status as a 501.c.3. \$1,600 was raised through employee donations and a gift from the KFFBA.

### Awards

On April 21, 2009, members of the Youth Services Team along with a representative from the KFFBA met to discuss and review the applications received. The following candidates were selected for scholarships:

***Gabby Patilea*** – (\$800 award) Juanita High School, Kirkland Youth Council

***Lars Myren*** – (\$400 award) Juanita High School, Kirkland Youth Council

***Anahita Nakhjiri*** - (\$400 award) Lake Washington High School, Human Services Advisory Board & Kirkland Youth Council